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- (1) Hayashi et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,991,004, issued February 5, 1991;
- (2) Foley, U.S. Patent No. 5,184,227, issued February 2, 1993; and
- (3) Photo International, Vol. 31, No. 366, August, 1999, pp. 1 and 10-11.

Applicants consider the invention to be distinguishable over the above-cited documents.

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